

Rad-hard Location and Attitude Module (R-LAM), Phase I

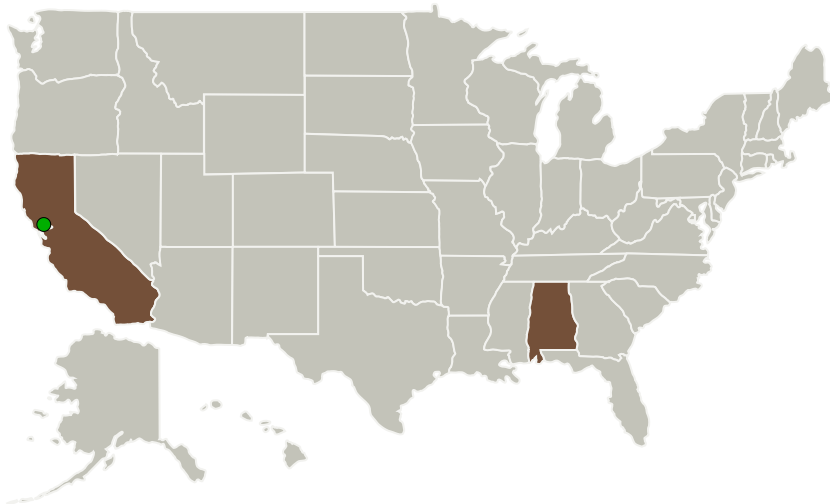
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Project Introduction

R-LAM (Rad-hard Location and Attitude Module), promises a new generation of both integrated navigation modules and stand-alone navigation subsystems including nav-grade IMU's, atomic-precision clocks and GPS units compliant with the Space Plug and Play Architecture (SPA) initiative. R-LAM leverages two active DARPA MTO programs. In the Navigation-Grade Integrated Micro-Gyroscope (NG-IMG) project, Archangel Systems, Inc. has developed a MEMS IMU called NG-MARS - a spinning mass IMU with navigation-grade performance. In DARPA's Chip-Scale Atomic Clock (CSAC) program, Symmetricom, Inc has developed a clock that is 50-100X smaller and lower power than any previous atomic clock technology, while exhibiting short-term stability of $\sigma_y(\tau) < 1 \times 10^{-10}/\tau^{1/2}$ and long-term drift of $< 3 \times 10^{-10}/\text{month}$. NASA-Goddard has constructed a rad-hard GPS called Navigator for the Magnetospheric Multiscale (MMS) program. Designed for high elliptical orbits (HEO), Navigator uses NASA's Geon algorithms. Currently Navigator weight and power exceeds R-LAM requirements. NASA-Goddard colleagues will advise the R-LAM team as they transition Navigator hardware. Intrinsix Corp. is an ASIC design house skilled in rad-hard mixed-signal design. They will implement rad-hard support electronics for NG-MARS, CSAC and Navigator. Intrinsix is familiar with NASA's SPA initiatives and will design the R-LAM interface for compliance.

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



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Organizations Performing Work	Role	Type	Location
Archangel Systems	Lead Organization	Industry	Auburn, Alabama
● Ames Research Center(ARC)	Supporting Organization	NASA Center	Moffett Field, California

Primary U.S. Work Locations	
Alabama	California

Project Transitions

**January 2010:** Project Start**July 2010:** Closed out**Closeout Documentation:**

- Final Summary Chart(<https://techport.nasa.gov/file/139361>)

Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

Lead Organization:

Archangel Systems

Responsible Program:

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Tech Transfer

Project Management

Program Director:

Jason L Kessler

Program Manager:

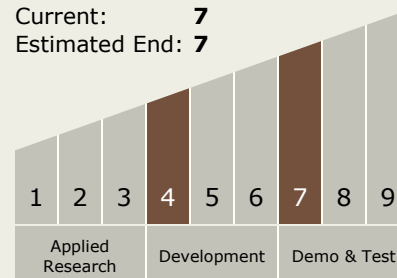
Carlos Torrez

Principal Investigator:

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Technology Maturity (TRL)

Start: 4
 Current: 7
 Estimated End: 7



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Technology Areas

Primary:

- TX05 Communications, Navigation, and Orbital Debris Tracking and Characterization Systems
 - └ TX05.4 Network Provided Position, Navigation, and Timing
 - └ TX05.4.1 Timekeeping and Time Distribution

Target Destinations

The Sun, Earth, The Moon, Mars, Others Inside the Solar System, Outside the Solar System